

Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper Donations

This year, the donations will go towards the school purchasing an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator). This is equipment which could one-day save the life of someone on our school site. As always, thank you for your generosity.

The amount raised for the Defibrillator was an amazing

£1938.26!

Christmas Hampers



Here at St. Comgall's we reached out to our parents and children in an effort to help these families in need in our community. As always your generosity knows no bounds, the response was overwhelming. We and St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you, our P.5, 6 and 7 parents and children, very much for your donations. We donated **30 Christmas Hampers** to families in our community.



Parish Carol Service



Christmas Dinner in the Canteen





Amazing Adaptations Workshops



Newcastle University Outreach STEM

On Tuesday 9th January scientists from Newcastle University visited primary 6 and 7 pupils. The facilitator in our room was called Izzy. She delivered an exciting workshop called “Amazing Adaptations”.

The definition of adaptation is when an animal or plant has to change so that it is able to survive in a new situation. We focussed on animals such as the polar bear and the clown fish and plants including a desert cactus.

I learned that a polar bear has black skin underneath the white and cosy fur. The most interesting part of the workshop was all the activities and why animals need sharp claws and big beaks.

By Aoife Stewart P.6B



On Tuesday 9th January, Izzy came from Newcastle to tell us all about how animals have to adapt to new habitats when something happens to the places they live in.

Izzy had a power point prepared. We looked at polar bears, birds and cacti, and how their body works to keep them safe in their habitats. An example is that polar bears have thick layers of blubber to keep them warm on the snowy ice caps.

Then we were put in groups and given some cards. Some cards had animals on them, and some had sentences on them. An example that Izzy used was, the card with the word Giraffe on it. Then she picked up a card that said, has a long neck, to reach leaves on trees. She matched them up. We all did this to the rest of the cards in our groups.

Then we were given a page. One side was blank. We had to design our own new type of bird. We had to pick the span of the wings and say why we chose that span. Then we had to pick how big or small the bird was and say why we chose that size. Then we got to design lots of other features on our birds. On the other side of the page was some writing. We had to fill in where our bird would live, where it would sleep, and what it would eat. Then, depending on what habitat our bird lived in, if there was a problem with the environment. We had to list some problems that would occur from this habitat change. An example is, if your bird's habitat was in a lake or near a lake and the problem was pollution in the lake, the bird has no fish to eat.

Then we had to create a new creature. A new animal that has just been created. We had to pick the animals features so that it would solve all of the bird's problems. It was lots of fun and everyone had a great time with Izzy.

From Farm to Fork



On Monday 9th January 2018 we went to Greenmount Dairy Farm for our new theme 'From Farm to Fork.' Our bus arrived at 9:15am and we arrived at the farm about 15 minutes later. When we arrived the farmer introduced himself. We entered the main building and left our break there. We then went to the shed where the cows were. The cows were eating their silage which is their food. We talked about the cows and asked questions which the farmer answered. Not only did the farmer answer our question but he also told us some interesting facts. After that we went back to the main building where we left our break. After we had our break we went to see the calves. The calves were in a small shed filled with hay. They have to be 2 years old before they go to the bigger shed. We got to pet the calves and their fur were really soft. Next we went where the ram and sheep were. They were really scared when we entered the room because of the noise. We knew that the sheep were really scared because they were trying to avoid us by moving back. That was the end of the farm trip but when we searched for the bus it didn't arrive so instead of waiting there we had a nature walk. We walked around a small forest until the bus arrived. I saw so many interesting things in the forest. When we came back our bus was there and that was the end of our school trip.

By Edwin Jacob P.7A



P.6 Shared Education – Forest Schools



Our two schools meet each other at the Forest School.

We listen to all the rules:

1 whistle = stop

2 whistles = come back

3rd rule have fun and learn.

Next we put out our boundaries, we have to stay inside these for safety. We break into 2 groups – birds and worms.



Camouflage Activity

We are given a pink worm and a green worm. We have to hide them from the birds.

We have to put them on top of something and not hide them under anything.

We Birds have to look the other way before we find the worms.

We have to look especially hard to find any worms.

We count how many worms we found. We have more pink ones.



Time for some hot orange juice. We have to stay outside the fire circle.

Important to tidy up after ourselves to make sure no animals get harmed.



We made animal shelters while we waited for the hot juice. Some great shelters being made. Well done everyone!

Eco Schools News



Many thanks also to the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for providing the school with brand new food waste bins for every classroom. We would like to remind the children that only food scraps are allowed in the bins. Place tin foil, cling film and wrappers in the general waste.



St. Joseph's Crumlin came to visit our school garden to see our bottle greenhouse. Some of the current and older Eco Team members showed them around and gave them advice on how to build it as St. Joseph's wish to build their own.

Feet First Families

This term the Eco Team are working hard with Sustrans to develop our Active Travel programme. Sustrans Active School Travel Programme is an exciting initiative for schools who wish to see more of their pupils choosing an active and healthy journey to school. The team are looking at our surrounding area and suggesting safe places for children and parents to 'Park and Stride' to school. Each distance is within 10 minutes walk and is safe with footpaths and road crossings. They believe the church (4 min), Castle Mall (7min) and Castle Grounds (5min) car parks are ideal for parking and walking/scooting/cycling to school. This is also aimed at reducing the heavy traffic in our school car parks.



Feet First Families

On Friday 9th March, everyone walked, cycled or scooted to school, so the car park would be empty, so we could have a party in the car park. We went to the car park just before lunch. We danced to the song called Cheer Leader.

By Ella Fitzpatrick & Scarlet Shields P.3B



Cross Country at Grove Park



On Thursday 25th January St. Comgall's cross country team went to a cross country race. We went in three cars, driven by our principal, my teacher and my mum. There were eight boys and eight girls on the team. We arrived in Belfast Grove Playing Fields. The weather was windy, cold and a bit rainy. As it was so cold we started to jog around the course to warm up and also to get to know the course. I found it actually quite long. We went back to the starting line. There was a 1st girl's race, a 2nd girl's race, a 1st boy's race and a 2nd boy's race. St. Comgall's girls went in the 1st girl's race and the St. Comgall's boys went in the 1st boy's race. The girl's race started and I started running through the course. About three quarters of the way I felt that I needed to stop but my legs just kept on going. Two girls from our school won. One of them came 3rd and one came 1st. We were wet, muddy and hungry getting into the cars but we stopped at Apple Green to get ice lollies. I enjoyed the race and hope to go to more in the future.

By Niamh Johnson P.7A

Cross Country In Stormont Grounds



On Saturday 3rd February some of our children took part in The Stormont Cross Country Run was hosted by the Northern Ireland Civil Service AC with Athletics Northern Ireland. The children had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed the event. One of our children, Aisling Smith came 7th overall in the Primary Schools event. Well done!!

Athletics Northern Ireland at Mallusk

Congratulations to all who took part in the Athletics NI Primary School Cross Country League. Two girls from St. Comgall's were selected, for their times in previous races, to run in the Northern Ireland Primary School Final at Mallusk on 21st February. Aisling Smith (P.7A) and Eva Kelly (P.6A) competed well and placed within the top 30 in Primary School Cross Country Runners for the whole of N.I.!! **Well Done Aisling and Eva!**



Athletics Northern Ireland

This term some of our children took part in events run by Athletics Northern Ireland for Primary School Cross Country. One of the children, Aisling Smith, P.7A has been selected to take part in the Athletics Northern Ireland Junior Cross Country Squad 2018. The squad brings together a training group of Northern Ireland's top junior athletes to take part in a special 1000 metre track race this summer. We would like to congratulate Aisling on this amazing achievement and wish her success in the race this summer.



Rising Stars Antrim Squad

Congratulations to Aisling Smith and Eva Kelly who were selected to join the Rising Stars Antrim Squad for 11-15 year olds, and 3-day Summer Startrack Athletics Programme in Antrim based on their results at the Final of the Flahavans XC competition. **Well Done Girls!**



Primary Schools Programmes



Genevieve, our healthy farmyard goat visits schools with an important message about healthy eating and physical activity. Genevieve encourages her friends in P.1 & P.2 to get fit and healthy in order to win the Farmyard Olympics. Genevieve also gives our P.2 children an important message about getting adequate sleep and keeping our bodies healthy. P.3 children become 'Fit Factor Superheroes' through this informative and fun-filled programme. It requires pupils to examine their lifestyle in terms of physical activity. They learn to differentiate between light, moderate and intense activity and to manage their time as they work towards attaining their 60-minute target of physical activity each day. P.4 children became 'Food Detectives' when investigating the confusing labelling of processed foods. They will become experts in detecting the fat, sugar and salt content in foods. Pupils will develop decision-making skills to make better choices in the future about processed foods. P.5 children learnt that skin cancer accounts for 30% of all cancer diagnoses in NI and is on the increase. Professor UV Ray supervises students using UV beads to investigate the effect of the sun on our skin. He also introduces pupils to the 'Slip, Slap, Slop, Slide, Shade' approach to sun safety when outdoors. Our P.6 children learnt that pupils who experiment with smoking are at greater risk of becoming a daily smoker in adulthood. They joined the Smokebusters club and become aware of the dangers of second-hand smoke and how to avoid it. Pupils learnt about the nature of addiction to nicotine, sugar and other substances and develop skills to exercise self-control. In Year 7 the harmful effects of the chemicals in a cigarette were highlighted, and through role play empowered pupils to use assertiveness skills to resist experimentation.



Service of Light



On Wednesday 7th February, Primary 7 participated in their Service of Light. This was a special occasion when parents passed on the light of Christ to their children. Their parents walked up the aisle holding their child's Baptismal candle. They passed the candle to Fr Emerson and he lit the candle from the Pascal candle. They had to pass it back to us saying, 'Receive the light of Christ,' followed by our response, 'Amen.'

Some children had special jobs such as the First Reading, the Psalms and the Prayers of the Faithful. As a group we sang a special hymn, Christ be Our Light from the Altar.

At the end of Mass, we each got a red balloon as a gift as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We all had a lovely evening.

By Ciara Connolly & Michael Wilson P.7B

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair came to St Comgall's on the 28th February to 6th March. The book fair is a fantastic way for parents to supplement their child's home reading material. It also helps raise money for books in our school as we can purchase books to a percentage value of all money spent at the fair by parents. This has been a great way in the past of enhancing our school stock. The children were excited to see the book fair in the school foyer and had fun picking a book to buy and bringing it home to read.



This year the school earned

£1081.63

Hope everyone enjoyed reading the books they bought.

Thank you very much for all your support.





ULSTER MUSEUM



On Tuesday the 13th February the P4s all went to the Ulster Museum. My partner was Joshua. We travelled there by bus. My mum also came along because we needed a helper.

When we arrived at the museum we got out of the bus then walked into the museum. I got really, really excited. Me and Joshua had to be back line leaders. But that was really fun.

First we went to see the velociraptor. We had a worksheet to fill in. We filled it in. After we had read about the velociraptor. There were a lot more dinosaurs that we had to tick. We had a look around the museum. There was so much to see. There was a room where you could touch things and try things on. I played a game were you had to match things to different centuries

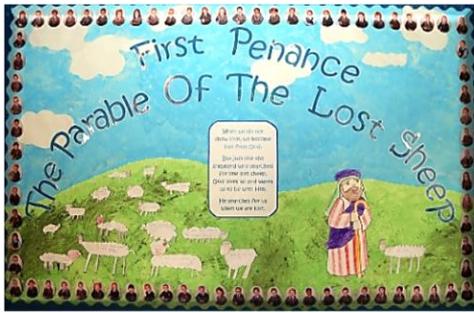
Half way through we went to a talk. The girl that took the talk was called Geraldine. She showed us lots of fossils. My favourite fossil was one that had a tonne of Anommites in it. It also felt really cool.

When we got back on the bus. I sat beside Sarah and Charlotte. We played truth or dare. When we arrived back at school I was exhausted. But I had a great time.



By Fayth Sansome P.4C

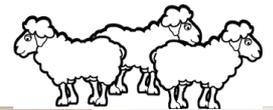




Sacrament of Penance

Congratulations and well done to all our P3 children who made their First Confession on Thursday 8th March. Fr. O'Reilly led the ceremony and was accompanied by Fr. Emerson and Fr. Forsythe.

The children were very well prepared as they performed their songs and role played The Parable of the Lost Sheep. A lovely ceremony and special celebration for all involved.



After-School Clubs



Formula 1

A group of P.6 children have been taking part in the Sentinus Formula 1 after-school club. This is a competition which challenges young people to design and build a model of a F.1 car. The children have the opportunity to develop skills in science and technology. They are working very hard on this exciting project which will continue into next term. Can't wait to see the finished product!



Golf

This term we had a new and exciting after-school club. Mr Kernohan from Massereene Golf Club came to school on Mondays from February to March to coach the children in Golf. It proved to be a very popular club and the children really enjoyed it.





Czesc! (Hello) from Poland

On Tuesday 23rd January we had a visit from 3 Polish teachers. The teachers were visiting a school nearby and wanted to see another primary school so we welcomed them in St. Comgalls. They talked to our children and explained some of their traditions in Poland. The teachers had brought some traditional costumes with them. The children enjoyed trying them on and dancing a Polish dance. Our children enjoyed meeting the teachers and learning about Poland. Mr Christie taught them a few words in Irish.

Our Polish visitors had a wonderful time with us and were very impressed with the International community we have here in St. Comgall's.



Fun in the Snow

Mr McLaughlin's class, P.6A used the experience of fun in the snow to create poems. They titled their poems "The Snowman".



Credit Union Quiz



Well done to our P.6 children, Anna McMaster, Darragh Brennan, Savannah Nieva, Daniel Noade, Aoife Stewart, Laura Walls, Cadan Davidson, Ben McLornan, for taking part in the Credit Union Quiz in the Antrim Forum. The children did really well with one team going through to the next round in Ballymena.

Athletics in the Antrim Forum



On the 2nd February 10 of our children took part in an athletics competition at Antrim Forum run by Indoor Athletics NI. They participated in several events: Girls & Boys 60m sprints, Girls & Boys Standing Long Jump & Speed Bounce, Girls and Boys Sprint Relay, Boys Sprint Relay, Girls & Boys Agility Relay Race. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event and well done to the boy and girls who were all placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their relays and to Cailin Short P.6C who won the 60m sprint overall.

On Friday 2nd February some of our P6's and P7's went to the Antrim Forum to do the Athletics Club. Once we got there we got our numbers and took our seats. Mr Phillips told us to take something to eat. The first race was the Girls 60m sprints no one won in our school, then it was the Boys turn to do the 60m sprint, Cailin Short won in P6. Then we did the Girls standing long jump and speed bounce, I won the long jump but our school didn't win the speed bounce, then it was the boys turn and Cailin Short won again. After wards we got our lunch and then we took some photos of Mr Phillips and then we did the Girls Sprint Relay and our school didn't win, then it was the boys turn and the Boys won the Relay. Finally, we did the Girls and Boys Agility Relay Race which we had to pick 3 girls and 3 boys and our school didn't win. Then at the end we found out we were on every leader board. We got a treat after. That was the most tiring day of our lives.

By Faith McNally, P7B



Shared Education with Antrim Primary



PI met their buddies for the second time. We had lunch in each other's schools and listening to stories and sang songs together. We played in the different playgrounds and got to experience all the different toys in each school. We all knew our Buddies when we met them. It was lots of fun!!



Shared Education Choir

On 13th March our P.4C, Mrs Black's class joined with their P.4 choir friends in Antrim Primary School to perform at the Antrim Primary School Spring Concert. Parents were invited to go along and support, not only our shared choir, but orchestra and one or two year groups from Antrim Primary School.



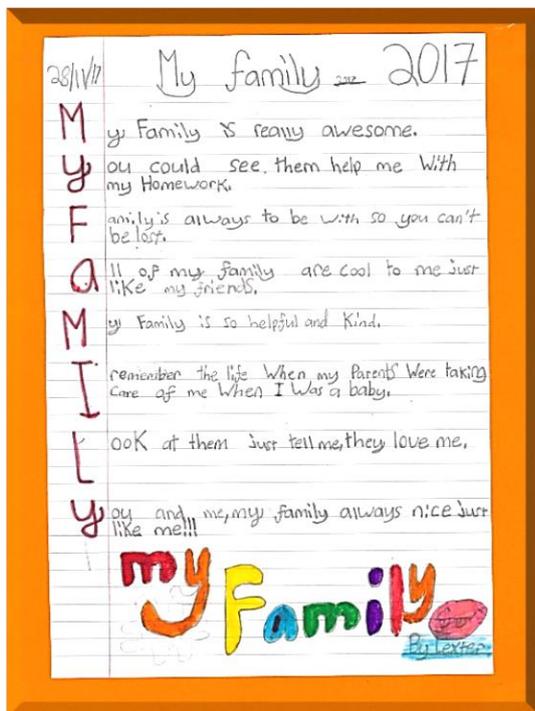
Catholic Schools Week



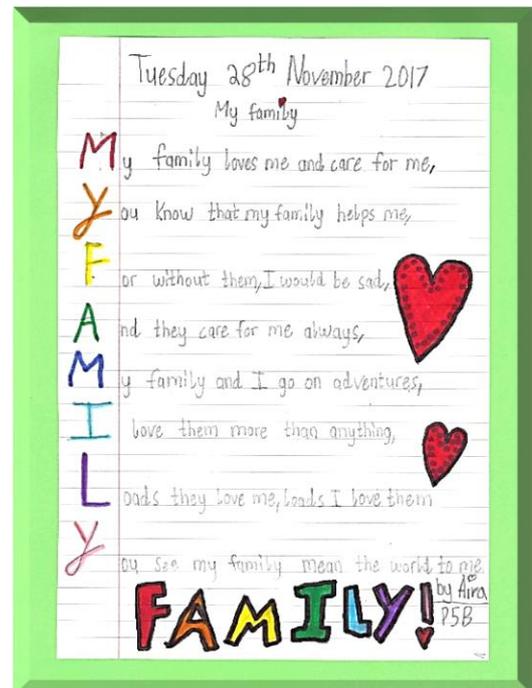
Catholic Schools Week ran this year from 28th January to Sunday 4th February. The children were involved in activities related to our families – at home/in school/in the Parish and our Global Family.



For Catholic Schools Week our P.1 children made beautiful invitations for their grandparents to come to a special Mass and celebration of grandparents. They brought in photographs of themselves with their grandparents and made a very colourful wall display.



For Catholic Schools week our P.5 children wrote poems about their families. Mrs Kelly's class, P.5B, presented a beautiful assembly for the whole school. Here are some of their creative, heart-felt family poems.

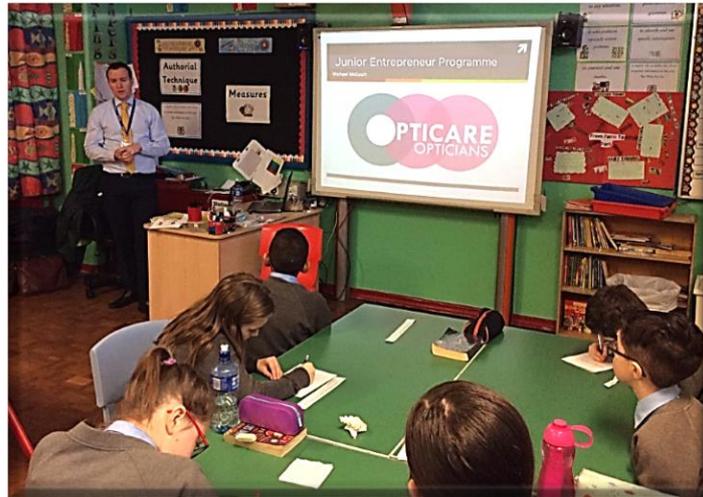


Grandparents Day

As part of Catholic Schools Week, we invited all our grandparents to a special Mass in St. Comgall's Church followed by a nice cup of tea/coffee and treats in the school. Our grandparents then visited the children in their classrooms. We all had a lovely morning and the children were excited to see their grandparents in school.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme



A Junior Entrepreneur is a person who sets up a business or businesses. In our class the students have a discussion about Junior Entrepreneur and what it's about.

In class, we have been discussing our project. There is a competition between the p7 classes to see whose idea is the best. The classes have to choose 3 products that they think are the best and they have to perform to the dragons!

The dragons are people who are going to vote whose idea is the best to make and whose idea is useful for our school.

In the past couple of weeks, our class have been filling out multiple booklets about Junior Entrepreneur.

We have had a couple of visitors visit our school about how they became an Entrepreneur. We had a man named Michael McCourt who works as an optician. His business is called Opticare Opticians. Michael told us about his work being an optician. We had two ladies come to our school as well they both worked at a bank called Ulster Bank. They talked to us about how to manage money and how they became an Entrepreneur.

By Molly Burnside P.7A

Duathlon Event

On Wednesday 7th March 10 of our P.7 children went to the Antrim Forum to take part in a Duathlon Event as part of the Primary Schools challenge.



Internet Safety Week

Safer Internet Day took place on the 6th February with the theme "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you"



Safer
Internet
Day 2018



Our P.6 & P.7 children attended an Internet Safety Presentation from the INEQE Group on Wednesday 7th February.



Alter Ego Creative Solutions tell us that 'In the Net' was developed by the team behind our hugely successful CSE awareness-raising play 'Chelsea's Choice'. It is a fantastically fun piece of children's theatre that was created out of a growing need to make young people aware of internet safety and the real-world effects of cyber bullying.

A great play included really important information on how to stay safe online.

Ryan Dileep
P.6B



I learned the effects of bullying someone online.

Leon Cyriac
P.6B



Any form of bullying is bad and this play was really good – my favourite character was Dotty!

Klaudia Lochowska
P.6B



Confirmation at St. Joseph's

On Monday 26th February, we celebrated with our P.7 pupils, the Sacrament of Confirmation. We joined the other schools in the Parish in St. Joseph's Church for this joyous occasion.



Yesterday we received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We met at the church around 12.40. I showed my sponsor where to sit and gave my family a booklet. Mrs Duffy gave me a card with my Confirmation name on it and we all took our seats. The ceremony was peaceful, reverent, relaxing, happy and enjoyable. Bishop Farquhar confirmed us and Fr. Emerson, Fr. O'Reilly and Fr. McGuckian all assisted. Some of us had special jobs to do but we all had to sing our hymns and respond to the prayers. Afterwards, we all went to the Parish Centre for refreshments and photographs with the Bishop. My family and I went out for food to continue our celebrations.

We were asked to pick gifts from the Holy Spirit. I chose courage and right judgement. I chose this because I want to have courage in my life to have no fear and take risks. I also chose right judgement because I don't like people being treated differently because of the colour of their skin or different religions.

By Ciara Connolly P.6C

Predict

Science



Winnie the Pooh needs a new umbrella.

How do we find out what material would be good for an umbrella?

Predictions

Record

Solid

liquid

Solid

An investigation to find out about how vinegar reacts with baking soda

This is what we will do:

1. Pour some baking soda into a cup
2. Add food colouring, then mix thoroughly
3. Next add some water into your mixture
4. Now roll everything into a ball and add tiny dinosaur
5. Place in a dish then put into freezer

This is a picture of what we will need:

We will make it a fair test by:

making sure every group gets the same amount of ingredients

Experiment

My Car

WALT: Design our own car. **6face**

Waterproof experiment results

Tick which material you find to be waterproof from an experiment and tick it onto the umbrella so on.

Here in St. Comgall's from the 20th – 23rd February, P.1 – P.7 children took part in Science Week. In order to promote science across the school, the children were involved in various investigations and experiments and had the chance to develop science skills such as making predictions and carrying out fair tests.

Record



Fair Test

Measure



We made dinosaur eggs using baking soda and water. We left the eggs in the freezer overnight. When we took them out, they were rock hard! We poured some Fairy Liquid into the dish, then we filled up syringes with vinegar and squirted to cover the eggs. The eggs began to fizz and soft as we watched a chemical reaction take place.

Investigate

Analyse

Investigating Birds Beaks in P5C

Disability Hub Launch Event in Antrim Forum

The Disability Hub Launch Event took place in the Antrim Forum on Monday 5th March, supported by Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council. This event took place to promote various sporting facilities for disabled people in the local area. Twelve of our P.7 pupils attended this very active event. They were able to take part in wheel chair games, boccia, goal ball, blind football and trikes/tandems/track racers. Other guests, such as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Committee Members, DSNI, Sport NI, Department of Communities and Guests of Honour: Stephen Daley and Michael McKillop, had the chance to walk around and perhaps join in. Our children had a fun filled day and got an insight into the sports that Disability Sport NI coach in

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough.



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MEET KUMBA ALICE KOROMA Kumba lives in the city of Freetown in Sierra Leone. She is seven years old and will turn eight during Lent. Her community is a densely populated suburb with hundreds of makeshift tin houses dotted amongst larger brick houses. Kumba's mother is a hairdresser and her father is a builder. Her family lived in a good house with a living room, kitchen and bedrooms and an outside toilet. Kumba was attending school along with her two sisters, Sia Fanta (15) and Fatu (5), and her brother Saha (13). Heavy rains and floods caused a devastating landslide on 14 August 2017. In four minutes Kumba's community was destroyed, including her home and her school. At least five hundred people lost their lives, with many more unaccounted for. Kumba's family will build a temporary home on a plot of land given to them by their local church.

This Lent, here in St. Comgall's our children are organising fundraising events in their own classes to raise money for Kumba and her community. We thank the children for their donations.



P.5 PRESENTS

THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK



ON FRIDAY 16TH MARCH, OUR YEAR 5 CLASSES PRESENTED A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK TO THEIR PARENTS. THIS ASSEMBLY TOLD THE STORY OF PATRICK FROM HIS LIFE AS A SLAVE ON SLEMISH TO STUDYING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND FINALLY RETURNING TO BRING CHRISTIANITY TO IRELAND.

HIS STORY WAS PRESENTED THROUGH DRAMA, NARRATION, SONG, DANCE AND ART. THE YEAR 5 CHILDREN WORKED HARD FOR MANY WEEKS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS ASSEMBLY. THE HARD WORK WAS REWARDED WHEN THEY PRESENTED A WONDERFUL SHOW TO THEIR PARENTS.

BEANNACHTAÍ NA FÉILE PÁDRAIG!!

Green Day at St. Comgall's



St. Comgall's changed colour on 16th March as everyone wore something green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



Information & Reminders

Names on Uniforms

Please remember to clearly label all items of your child's school uniform, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.



Absence Letters

If your child is absent from school, please inform the teacher in writing of the reason for the absence.

Children coming to School Early:

Children should not be on the school grounds before 8.45am unless they are attending breakfast club. There is no supervision for children before this time.

BREAKFAST CLUB: from 8.10am - 8.45am Cost £1.50 Main School Hall.

Tuck and dinner money

Please ensure your child has the money to pay for tuck and dinners if they use it. It becomes very difficult to manage for our teaching and canteen staff if money becomes "owed." Again, thank you in anticipation for your help with this.



Passports

Any Passport Forms requiring signature from a member of staff costs a nominal fee of £5.00, which will go towards school funds.

School Uniform Suppliers

Thousand Stitches Ltd

First Floor

41A High Street

Antrim

BT41 4AY

Telephone: 07580 136883

Emails:

Would all parents who completed a form requesting letters and information to be sent to them by email, please remember to check your emails regularly so you will not miss any important news, letters, dates and general information.



Parents are reminded:

Pick up collection point of your child at home time:

Parents collecting P1 + P2 please collect your child from designated door pick-up point – access through back gate or pedestrian gate at top of playground.

P3 + P4 children will meet their parents in the junior playground.

Senior children P5 – P7 will meet parents in senior playground.

This is to cut down on traffic through the main school building and promote safety within the school.

School Dinner Price Change

School dinners will be **£2.60** from Sept 2017

School Uniform Suppliers

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Schoolwear Specialist

In Ballymena

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Select Kidz are the School uniform supplier for crested uniform.



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24th January 2016

Dear Mr Matthews,

We at St Congall's SVP Society would like to thank you and all the boys and girls of St Congall's Primary School for the beautiful hampers which we received at Christmas.

Your generosity touched the lives of needy families and those living alone in our parish. Every tin and every packet was received with grateful appreciation. These hampers really did make a difference to those in need.

Well done to everyone involved and in particular to the boys & girls of St. Congall's Primary School.

Yours faithfully
James Mc Garry

Working with those in need



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Assistance to Families
Home Visitation
Community Development Projects
Resource Centres

Help for Children
Sunshine Holidays
Youth Programmes
Education Bursary
Term Holiday Programmes

Special Visiting
Hospital Visitation
Prison Visitation

Special Services
Holidays for the Elderly
Family Holidays
Job Creation Projects
WINDY'S Shops
Prison Visitation Centres
Day Care Centres

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Parents are **required to inform school** – **before 9.30** if their child will not attend due to sickness/unforeseen circumstances.
- Should a parent not inform school **and** a pupil does not present in school, we will text the parent requesting them to contact the school immediately.
- It is imperative that parents contact school to explain a sickness or unforeseen absence, they should then follow up with a written note to the teacher with the explanation.
- **PLEASE RING IF YOU RECEIVE A TEXT.**

PUNCTUALITY

Parents are reminded that all pupils should be in class to begin learning at 9am. Parents are asked to have children in school on time to help with their learning.

The access gates into the playground will be closed at 9.10am. From that point on the only access to the classrooms will be by the front door of the school. From here, lateness will be monitored.

These objectives are to improve the learning environment for all children.



ATTENTION CHILDREN, PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD ON FOOT, ON A BICYCLE OR A SCOOTER.....



Find the safest place to cross then stop.
Stand on the pavement near the kerb or the edge if there is no kerb.



Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
Make sure you can see if anything is coming and drivers can see you.



Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.
Never cross the road whilst chatting to people, listening to your iPod or talking on your mobile phone.

BE AWARE EVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL GROUNDS OR CAR PARKS

SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Please take some time to visit our school website! There you will find all the information you need about school. You can meet the classes and learn about the interesting events happening in school. There is a translate engine, so the website can be viewed in other languages. Please select a language of your choice from the drop down list on our homepage. In addition, there is, a 'scrolling announcements sections' on the top of the homepage – this will draw your attention to any current activity in the school.



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Easter Holiday Dates and Arrangements

The school will close for the Easter Break on Thursday 29th March at 12noon for all pupils. The children should wear their uniforms. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Thursday 29th March. THERE WILL BE NO BUSES in the morning or at 12 o'clock. As normal, additional parking for collection on this day will be provided in the front playground of the school. *Please follow the direction of the staff. School will re-open on Monday 9th April 2018.

**The Board of Governors, Principal & Staff
Wish you all a Happy & Peaceful Easter**

